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Mr. K. R. Karant :—" So far as Calicut hospital is concerned are Government ready to spend eight or ten lakhs and if so, will they consider the site question with this view ? "

The hon. Mr S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" The anxiety of the Government is to establish a good hospital for Calicut, and if that costs even eight or ten lakhs, Government probably will have to grant it."

Acquisition of the site for the Headquarters Hospital at Calicut.

* 511 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government in or about the year 1925 notified in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, for the purpose of extensions to the Government Headquarters Hospital at Calicut, the acquisition of the Mission Hospital for Women and Children and adjacent buildings, the site on which they stand, and the road leading thereto ;

(*b*) on what grounds further acquisition proceedings were abandoned ;

(*c*) what were the reasons for selecting the above site in preference to the site now proposed to be acquired ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the grant of Rs. 10,000 was made to the Basel Mission for construction of the hospital building for women and children ;

(*e*) whether a condition was laid down in the agreement between Government and the Mission that the grant should be refunded if the building was deviated to other purposes ;

(*f*) whether the Government as late as 1925 threatened the Mission with a demand for refund of Rs. 10,000 for breach of the condition by failure to run it as a hospital;

(*g*) whether the Government have informed the Mission through the Collector of Malabar that they do not propose to press for the refund ;

(*h*) whether the committee appointed by Government has recommended (i) that the abovementioned Mission Hospital for Women and Children should be utilized for Mission High School for girls, while the same school building with its site is to be acquired for the extension of the Government Headquarters Hospital, and (ii) that if the Mission does not accede to the acquisition proposed the proposal to reassume the grant of Rs. 10,000 alluded to above should not be dropped ; and

(*i*) whether there is any such proposal ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The acquisition was not proceeded with as a more suitable site was reported to be available.

(*c*) The site of the Mission Hospital for Women and Children was the only one which was considered at the time and there was then no question of preferring it to any other site.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) As the conditions on which the grant was made had not been fulfilled, the Government asked the Mission to refund the amount in accordance with its agreement.

(*g*) The Government accepted the plea of the Mission that the outbreak of the war and the enforced withdrawal of the members of the Basel Mission Society from the Malabar district

prevented the Mission from fulfilling the conditions of the grant, and they accordingly decided not to press their claim on the score of a breach of the agreement in the past. As regards the future, the conditions of the grant still remain in force.

(h) & (i) The Committee's recommendations regarding the selection of a site for the headquarter hospital are still under the consideration of the Government and cannot at present be disclosed.

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—"May I know whether in the matter now before the consideration of the Government, the question of locating the hospital at a separate place is also under consideration or only of extending the present hospital?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"Both are under consideration."

Education

Change of the curricula of studies in girls' schools.

* 512 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that conferences of Indian ladies held throughout India have condemned the present system of education given to Indian girls in schools as being unsuitable to their needs; and

(b) whether the Government propose to take any steps to investigate into the question and to change the curricula of studies of girls so as to be more useful to them in afterlife?

A.—(a) Government are aware that some dissatisfaction exists.

(b) Government will consider the suggestion.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I know whether the Government propose to take any immediate steps?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"It is said in the answer to (b) that the Government will consider the suggestion; whether it will be immediate or proximate I cannot say at present."

Non-stipendiaries in the Government Training College, Rajahmundry.

* 513 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the districts to which the five non-stipendiaries out of 69 students in the B. Ed. section of the Government Training College, Rajahmundry, belong; and

(b) the number of stipendiaries among the fourteen students from the Ceded and Chittoor districts, who were studying in the college in 1927–28?

A.—The Government have called for the information.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"Have Government since received the information?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"No, Sir."